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NOAA Office of Response and Restoration
ATTN: MDP Project Applications
1305 East-West Highway, SMC4 Rm. 10239 N/ORR5
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Letter of Support for The Bay Foundation's NOAA Marine Debris Prevention Proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Malibu, we strongly encourage NOAA to fund The Bay Foundation's (TBF) *Trash Free Lunch Restaurant Source Reduction Project*.

City of Malibu has partnered with TBF since 2008 to carry out Clean Bay Certified (CBC). CBC inspects and certifies food service establishments (FSE) that go above legal stormwater requirements and demonstrate sustainable business practices. Certified FSE must comply with 100 percent of the program requirements. This year, 58 percent of FSE in Malibu are certified. The program has increased the level of awareness around stormwater runoff pollution associated with the restaurant industry and provides hands on support to help reduce the industry's impact on our environment.

The City of Malibu is committed to developing and implementing policy initiatives that promote local environmental, economic, and sustainability practices. We aim to integrate resource management and conservation with ongoing operations. Current green standards and regulations range from plastic bag ban, plastic sandbag ban, polystyrene foam ban to landscape water conservation. In addition to partnering on CBC, the City looks forward to potentially partnering on *Trash Free Lunch* as a means to keep our ocean free of marine debris by educating and changing the behavior of Malibu FSEs, our residents, and the 20 million visitors to our beaches.

The City cordially encourages funding for TBF's *Trash Free Lunch Restaurant Source Reduction Project* to support efforts to prevent marine debris at the source and engage the restaurant community on reusable alternatives. We feel TBF's expertise, knowledge, and experience will undoubtedly translate into a successful and far-reaching program that will provide a new approach to reducing marine debris in the Santa Monica Watershed and coastal waters, utilizing source reduction instead of capture and control.

Sincerely,

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